

# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.

Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

### MD-6 Lakeshore Water System Has Levels of Arsenic, Gross Alpha, and Uranium Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Water sample results taken over the past year showed:

- **Arsenic** levels ranging from 61 to 377  $\mu\text{g/L}$ , this is above the MCL of 10  $\mu\text{g/L}$ .
- **Gross Alpha** levels ranging from 39 to 82.3 pCi/L, this is above the MCL of 15 pCi/L.
- **Uranium** levels ranging from 44 to 102  $\mu\text{g/L}$ , this is above the MCL of 20  $\mu\text{g/L}$ .

#### What should I do?

- **Use an alternative water supply (e.g., bottled water) for drinking purposes.**
- The water may be used for bathing, washing dishes, washing clothes and watering the yard at no risk.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

#### What does this mean?

- **This is not an emergency.** If it had been, you would have been notified immediately.
- However, *some people who drink water containing **arsenic** in excess of the MCL over many years may experience skin damage or circulatory system problems, and may have an increased risk to getting cancer.*
- Both the **Gross Alpha's** and **Uranium** occurs naturally in water due to erosion of granite rock. The **Gross Alpha's** are a type of radiation emitted known as **alpha** radiation. *Some people who drink water containing **alpha** emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.*

- Some people who drink water containing **Uranium** in excess of the MCL over many years may have kidney problems or an increased risk of getting cancer.

### **What happened? What is being done?**

We are still waiting for the final decision by the California Department of Public Health as to the financing and treatment options available for your water system. The options being considered by CDPH range from drilling a new well to treating of the water. In May 2009, we were informed that the application was going through legal review and the funding would be 80 % grant and 20 % loan. We are still waiting for further information and a Notice of Intent (NOI). We are looking at other options for funding the needed improvements like the Federal Infrastructure Stimulus Plan. We will notify you of the decision by CDPH and any other funding sources and will request your participation in the decision making process.

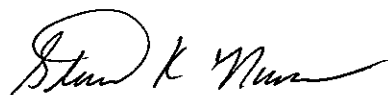
This notice is being sent to you by Madera County Special Districts Maintenance District -6 Lake Shore System

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS: Must notify tenants.

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For more information you may contact the Special Districts Office at (559) 675-7820 or at 2037W. Cleveland Ave., Madera, CA 93637. You may also find useful information on this topic at the EPA website: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater>.



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